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A Bill

SENATE BILL 362

5 By: Senators Hester, B. Davis
6 By: Representative McCollum
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN
10 COMMISSIONS; TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE STATE
11 PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAVEL COMMISSION; TO AMEND
12 THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE PARKS, RECREATION, AND
13 TRAVEL COMMISSION; TO AMEND THE CALLING OF MEETINGS
14 OF AND A QUORUM FOR THE STATE PARKS, RECREATION, AND
15 TRAVEL COMMISSION; TO ELIMINATE COMMISSIONER EMERITUS
16 POSITIONS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
17 MISSISSIPPI RIVER PARKWAY COMMISSION OF ARKANSAS; AND
18 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

21 TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP AND THE CALLING
22 OF MEETINGS OF AND A QUORUM FOR THE STATE
23 PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAVEL COMMISSION;
24 TO ELIMINATE COMMISSIONER EMERITUS
25 POSITIONS; AND TO AMEND THE MISSISSIPPI
26 RIVER PARKWAY COMMISSION.
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30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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32 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-11-202(a), concerning the makeup of the
33 State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission, is amended to read as
34 follows:

35 (a) The State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission shall consist
36 of fifteen (15) regular members, of whom at least:



1 (1) ~~Four (4) are~~ One (1) is active in media, including without
2 limitation newspaper, television, radio, ~~Internet~~ internet, or the video
3 service provider industry;

4 (2) Seven (7) have primary occupations in tourism, including
5 without limitation:

6 (A) Persons having occupations in the recreational or
7 travel field of endeavor; and

8 (B) Owners or operators of food service, lodging, or
9 travel-oriented businesses such as boat docks, marinas, theme parks, camp
10 grounds, tourist resorts, caves, caverns, highway gift shops, and firms
11 commonly known as tourist attractions;

12 (3) ~~One (1) is a historian with knowledge of Arkansas's historie~~
13 ~~background~~ Five (5) are from the public at large;

14 (4) One (1) is a representative of either employment or
15 avocation in recreation and conservation; and

16 (5) ~~One (1) is a representative of either employment or~~
17 ~~avocation in arts and culture; and~~

18 ~~(6)~~ One (1) is sixty (60) years of age or older, serving as a
19 representative of the elderly who shall not be actively engaged in or retired
20 from the professions set out in subdivisions (a)(1)-~~(5)~~, (2), and (4) of this
21 section.

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23 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-11-202(b), concerning the members of the
24 State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission, is repealed.

25 ~~(b) In addition to the membership under subsection (a) of this~~
26 ~~section, the membership of the commission may include one (1) or more~~
27 ~~commissioners emeriti if designated under § 15-11-203.~~

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29 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-11-203 is repealed.

30 ~~15-11-203. Commissioner emeritus.~~

31 ~~(a) A person shall be known and designated as a "commissioner~~
32 ~~emeritus" if he or she:~~

33 ~~(1) Has served for at least twenty four (24) years as a member~~
34 ~~of the State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission, as established by §§~~
35 ~~15-11-201, 15-11-202, and 15-11-204—15-11-207, or its predecessor~~
36 ~~commissions; and~~

1 ~~emeritus of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas, who shall~~
2 ~~file it with the Secretary of State and take the official oath of office~~
3 ~~before entering upon his or her duties as a commissioner emeritus of the~~
4 ~~Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas.~~

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6 SECTION 6. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. This act shall not
7 shorten the term of any current member of the State Parks, Recreation, and
8 Travel Commission but shall be implemented as terms expire and by filling
9 vacancies on the commission.

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